

**New Jersey State Board of Education  
Minutes of the Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education  
In the Conference Room on the First Floor  
100 River View Executive Plaza  
Trenton, NJ**

**August 1, 2018**

**Presiding:** Arcelio Aponte, President

**Secretary:** Lamont O. Repollet, Ed. D., Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

Mrs. Elaine Bobrove  
Mrs. Mary Beth Berry  
Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg  
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson  
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill  
Dr. Joseph L. Ricca  
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi  
Mr. Jack Fornaro  
Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins

**CONVENING**

State Board of Education Vice President Kathy Goldenberg convened the public meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the reading of the statement pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

The Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House Press Corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers.

And seeing there was a quorum, the meeting of August 1, 2018 was called to order.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice President Goldenberg then read the resolution pertaining to the executive session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on August 1, 2018.

## **RECONVENING**

State Board President Arcelio Aponte reconvened the open meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the resumption of the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board will now adjourn from executive session to resume the open session of this meeting.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS**

On a motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on July 11, 2018. State Board members Ernest Lepore and Mary Beth Berry abstained from voting on the minutes of the meeting on July 11, 2018.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Announcements**

#### **Public Testimony**

President Aponte stated public testimony would be held today at 2 pm. He also stated that the topic for the August 1, 2018 public testimony session would be the amendments to the Standards and Assessment regulations.

President Aponte stated that the State Board would be holding a public testimony session on September 12, 2018. He also stated that the September 12, 2018 public testimony session would be an open topic public testimony session. He further stated that registration for the September 12, 2018, public testimony session will open on Thursday, August 16, 2018, and close at noon on Thursday, September 6, 2018.

He stated that anyone interested in speaking at and/or also attending the public testimony session must register so the State Board staff can make proper arrangements for space. He further stated that members of the public should contact the State Board office at 609-984-6024 or check the following website <http://education.state.nj.us/sboe/reg.php> for updates.

#### **Permanent Student Representative**

President Aponte welcomed Nora Faverzani the 2018-2019 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Nora Faverzani is a junior from Ocean City High School in Cape May County. Nora presented information on the New Jersey Association of Student Councils 2018 State Charity, One Simple Wish.

#### **Presentation by New Meridian**

Dr. Arthur VanderVeen, President and CEO of New Meridian provided a presentation to the State Board members on key trends in the Assessment Landscape and options for New Jersey as it moves forward to its next generation of Assessments.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

### **Amistad Commission**

Commissioner Repollet stated that the Department is statutorily required to assist the Amistad Commission in the monitoring of school districts in the inclusion of the curricula in schools. He also stated that school districts are also statutorily required to include instruction on the Holocaust and genocide in their curricula. He further stated that while these requirements are currently part of our QSAC guidance, to further emphasize their importance, he plans on presenting amendments to the NJQSAC District Performance Review to formally codify the monitoring of the inclusion of these items in a districts Social Studies curricula at First Discussion at the September 12, State Board meeting.

### **Educator Evaluation**

Commissioner Repollet stated that he is committed to reducing the current weight of the median Student Growth Percentile (mSGP) in educator's overall evaluation scores which is the score that is based on students' in grades 4-8 growth on our state assessment. He also stated that he will be listening to board members, policy makers, educators and stakeholders regarding Student Growth Percentiles and the educator-created Student Growth Objectives. He further stated that he would make a final decision regarding the mSGP in a timely way so that school districts are adequately prepared before the opening of the school year.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

*\*Items scheduled for a vote are marked with an asterisk.*

#### **A. Appointment(s)**

- There were no appointments.

#### **\*B. Certification of School Districts**

- Certified for a period of three years, the following school district(s) recommended by the Commissioner, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14a and b.

<b>Certified School District</b>	<b>County</b>
Stow Creek	Cumberland
Nutley	Essex
Mantua Twp.	Gloucester
Clifton	Passaic

#### **C. Standards and Assessment**

- Discussed the amendments pertaining to assessment and graduation requirements at Chapter 8, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 through 14, 18A:7C-1 et seq., 18A:7E-2 through 5, 18A:35-4.2 and 4.7, and 18A:59-5.

### **WORK SESSION**

There was no work session.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its August 1, 2018, public meeting at 1:24 p.m.

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Dr. Lamont O. Repollet, Commissioner  
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education